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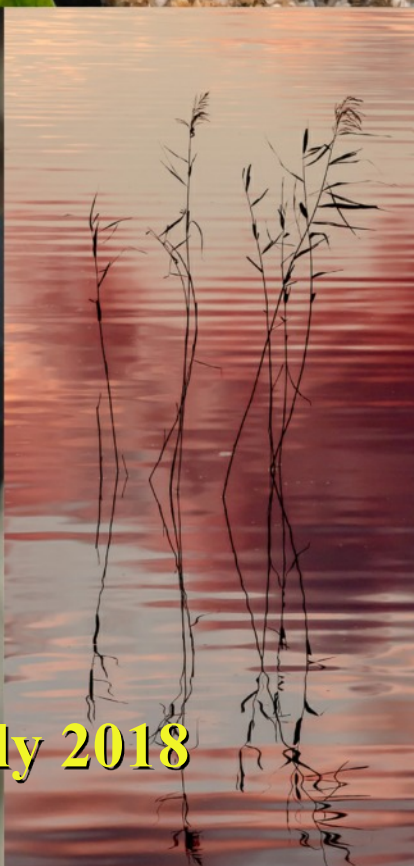

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at Swavesey Community Pavilion

Village Green, Swavesey

20 local real ciders and perries

Opening Times

Thursday: 4pm – 10:30pm

Friday: 3pm – 10:30pm

Saturday 12:00 – 10:30pm

Sunday 12:00 – 10pm

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EDITORIAL

It is nearly here! What is? why Swavesey Festival of course, lots of events and activities for you and your children to get involved in, watch, and do not forget the village show have you entered any of the classes? if not why not have a go?

I have an apology to make to Mike Swain who took the photo of John Shepperson which was on the front of the last issue, he was not credited with it so sorry Mike!

We love to have your news, articles, etc. but please will you send not only to me but also to alan.morris2@ntlworld.com so myself and Alan can check with each other that we have received them? sometimes emails go astray and just disappear – I wonder where they go?

The deadline for the next issue which covers August and September is 20th June.

Editor

Cover Image - Winning photographs from Swavesey Camera Club's Annual Exhibition showing (clockwise from bottom left) Open Competition (Secondary School Category) winner 'Surprise' by Daniel Stevens, Open Competition (Adult Category) winner ' Sparrow' by Sarah Turner and most popular photo in show 'Sunset over Ferry Meadows' by Nev Tait.

Inside Front Cover - Cider Festival

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Back Cover - Community Choir

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

17 June	Swavesey Spartans	"Swavesey Spartans football club 2018 Sporting Day. 11.00 – 17.30 Swavesey Pavilion and Green. Contact Neil Jordison 01954 204390
30 June	Community Choir	Songs from Musical Theatre through the ages - 7.30pm at St Andrews Church
07 July	Swavesey Festival	Gala Day on the Green
15 July	St Andrews Church	Childrens Fun Day - Teddy Bear zip wire and lots of other fun
5 August	St Andrews	Theatre production of Alice in Wonderland - 3pm in St Andrews Church
14 December	St Andrews	A Medieval Evening with music by Hexachordia and a medieval Mystery Play.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June		
Friday 1	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Friday)
Saturday 2	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Summer Coffee Morning, bring & buy sale of plants, produce & cakes 10.30am – 12.30pm at Swavesey Bethel Baptist Church
Thursday 7	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 14	Parish Council	Planning Meetings - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Thursday 14	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 16	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Visit to the Over flower meadows with Trevor Grange. Meet at Car Park next to Over Windmill at 2.15pm
Sunday 17	Swavesey Spartans	"Swavesey Spartans football club 2018 Sporting Day. 11.00 – 17.30 Swavesey Pavilion and Green. Contact Neil Jordison 01954 204390
Thursday 21	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 25	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
Thursday 28	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 30	St Andrews	Start of Festival Exhibition - ends July 7
Saturday 30	St Andrews	Fen, Flood & Fire - Celebrate the story of Swavesey
Saturday 30	Community Choir	Songs from Musical Theatre through the ages - 7.30pm at St Andrews Church
July		
Thursday 5	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 7	Swavesey Festival	Gala Day on the Green
Thursday 12	Parish Council	Planning Meetings - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Thursday 12	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Sunday 15	St Andrews Church	Childrens Fun Day - Teddy Bear zip wire and lots of other fun
Thursday 19 Friday 20 Saturday 21 Sunday 22	Swavesey Community Pavillion	Cider Festival on the Village Green *(Note Different times each day)* Thu 4.0pm - 10.30pm Fri 3.00pm - 10.30pm Sat 12 Noon - 10.30pm Sun 12 Noon - 10.00pm
Thursday 19	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 23	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
Thursday 26	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 27	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Everyone welcome to a 'bring & share' salad supper at 6.30pm in the barn at Striplands Farm - Longstanton. (Please call Christine Shephard on 01954 781625

CLUB REPORTS

SWAVESEY W.I.

Dates for Diary

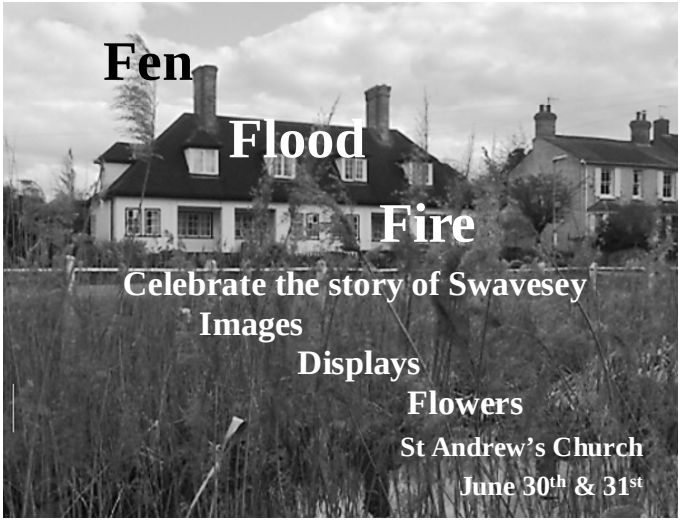
June 11th "It's on the Cards". Talk on Edwardian Postcards by Vanessa Mann.

July 9th Crossing the Himalayas. Talk by Glynn Jones.

Swavesey W.I. will be serving Tea and delicious homemade cakes at the Festival Gala Day. We hope you will be able to join us during the afternoon. See you there!!

We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Visit the Memorial Hall noticeboard which is kept up to date with all our news. You can also find us at Compass Cafe every second Thursday of the month serving our famous homemade cakes and fresh coffee.

For information about any of our meetings, please ring Deirdre 01954 230897.
www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk



Swavesey Spartans FC

2017/18 - The summer is the time for footballers to look back on one season and look forward to the next. Spartans aspires to be an all inclusive club which lives out its values Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, and Excellence (TREE) and gives both boys and girls of differing ability the opportunity to participate in association football. Season after season the club has teams who deliver our values with solid playing records behind them. The 2018/19 season will be here soon, but so will the next series of the X Factor!!

Swavesey Green. After years of turmoil and drainage work the Green stood up to its first full season back in action. We would like to thank everyone involved in overcoming the hurdles that were cleared so that football can be played on our main home ground and especially when the dark clouds appear. The turnaround has impressed Cambridgeshire Football Association and they have awarded the team that maintain Swavesey Green 3rd place in the 2018 Groundsman of the Year Awards; the efforts of Dave Rudderham and Swavesey Parish Council were highlighted as the key to securing such a high finish.

Swavesey Pavilion. The charity that runs the Pavilion is delighted to have seen a full season of football. Seasons of no football meant little cash flow to maintain and improve the facility which has been open for 6 years now. A season of football rental has underpinned the drive to improve the infrastructure. It is now an ideal location for small parties with toilets kitchen and tea room ready to use. We highly recommend utilising this village facility in future. The Pavilion is hosting another cider festival to raise more funds – a hot afternoon on Friday 20 July could see Swavesey Green swarming with families relaxing at the end of the school year we suspect?

Silverware? This season has seen success for the under 10 girls team who has qualified for the Regional Futsal finals on 9/10 June 2018. If they win the Regional event they will be playing a fortnight later in the national finals in Birmingham. Our Under 16 girls also reached their own cup final to be played in May. We will let you know how they got on in the next edition of the Meridian.

Spartans Day brings down the curtain on our season so come and join us - it's on Swavesey Green on Father's Day as usual. It is a day of interaction for village families in a relaxed and hopefully sunny atmosphere. Bring your gazebos and refreshments and join in the fun on 17 June. We aim to keep the presentations short and sharp but with 16 teams and certain coaches liking a chat, please stay with us as your applause gives many of the young players the goose bumps. The following evening England start their World Cup fixtures with a game against Tunisia in Russia.

New players/sponsors. If you know of boys or girls who want to play for or train with Spartans or you are a potential sponsor please come along on Spartans Day and have a chat. The coaches will all be there and coming along does not commit you to anything. If however you are interested but can't make the annual signing on evening in early July please use the details in the Club Information section of this Meridian to contact us. The 2018/19 season will be with us as soon as the autumn school term starts in September.

Swavesey Camera Club Annual Exhibition

Swavesey Camera Club held its Annual Exhibition on Saturday 28th April 2018 in the Memorial Hall. Over 150 visitors braved the April showers and visited the show to see the recent work of club members. With nearly 250 prints on display, a broad selection of audio-visual presentations and home-baked cakes on offer, there was something for everyone to enjoy. As usual the club held an Open Photographic Competition in association with the Exhibition and the winners were Daniel Stevens (Secondary School Category) with a photo entitled 'Surprise' and Sarah Turner (Adult Category) with a photo entitled 'Sparrow'. Both photos were on display in the exhibition and can be seen on the front cover.

Each visitor was asked to choose their favourite photo of the show. While there was a tie for 2nd place between four photos (Eye Spy by Richard Harrison, Home Builder by Simon Shore, Zebra by Sue Tait and Hidden Harvest Mouse by Lynn Kisielowski), the clear winner was Sunset over Ferry Lagoon by Nev Tait.

While the photographs on display this year ranged from Alaska to the Antarctic, it is perhaps reassuring to know that over half the most popular photos were taken locally. The club will be starting its summer break at the end of May but for those of you who might have now been inspired to get out with a camera you would be very welcome to join us at one of our Thursday evening meetings.

Daniel Stevens, one of our Open Competition winners, receiving his certificate from Richard Harrison, President of Swavesey Camera Club.

Swavesey & District History Society

March meeting. John Alldritt from Over has an unusual surname with fewer than 100 Alldritts currently registered in Britain and he told us about the origin of English surnames. Some are obvious such as Carter, Cooper and Archer whereas some are misleading such as Bowman which comes from a tool used for straightening wool. Farmer is not what we would expect since it comes originally from "firmer" - one who pays rent or tax. Fletcher has two derivations, one associated with arrows and the other with someone who scraped the flesh from skin

Saxon names had one word such as Cuthbert and Ailfred and it was the Normans, soon after 1066, who introduced the system of first name and surname although it took until the mid-1400s for everyone to have two names. There are now over 200,000 British surnames. Some are very old such as Drake which sounds like ducks and drakes but is actually a pre-7th century nickname for a dragon or a snake. Some are aristocratic such as Lacey which is a town in France. Two brothers from Lacey came over with William the Conqueror and a descendant was the 1st Early of Lincoln to whom all Laceys in Britain are related. The rarer your surname, the more likely it is to be derived from the upper echelons of society. Thus Baskerville is from a town in Normandy. Scott is not from Scotland but from a 3rd century Irish tribe so Scotts are likely to have Irish ancestors. Surprisingly Smith does not come from blacksmith but is a corruption of smite and refers to soldiers who would smite their enemy. Names ending in "man" denoted a tradesman ancestor. To investigate your own name, search the free website surnamedb.com. This is a database of 50,000 surname meanings and containing other information such as the surname's earliest recordings and country of origin.

April meeting. Around 45 members attended a talk entitled "Best Foot Forward" by Ian Waller from Luton who had several ancestors in the Rushden area of Northamptonshire who were shoemakers. Most villages, including Over and Swavesey, had a shoemaker until the recent past and since they also repaired shoes they were known as cobblers. Many also repaired harnesses and saddles because they worked with leather. There was little profit in the trade however and most had a second job. A maker of shoes, as opposed to a repairer, was also known as a cordwainer which comes from cordovan, a reddish-brown goatskin leather from Spain. Workers in this type of pliable leather usually also made handbags and waterproof bottles.

The Romans introduced sandals which gradually replaced the moccasins worn previously in this country. More recently, people in rural communities wore clogs which had a wooden sole with a leather upper. Subsequently hobnail boots were found more durable and replaced the clogs. Local, small-scale shoemakers satisfied the market until around 1760 when shoe factory manufacture began, reaching its heyday in the early 20th century. Since 1950 specialist, bespoke shoemakers have flourished and are still important today.

In the middle ages most shoemakers learned the trade as an apprentice with apprenticeships existing from around 1250 and they lasted for 7 years. Still today boots and shoes are amongst the most complicated items of apparel to make. The modern shoelace was invented in England on 27 March 1790 – until then shoes were fastened with buckles.

The subject for the next meeting is "The Shire for Men Who Understand" by Robert Parker on Tuesday 19 June at 7.30 p.m. in The Global Environment Centre at Swavesey Village College – through the main entrance then 30 metres along the corridor to the right. Do come along.

Gooseberry Fool (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients

250 g (8 oz) gooseberries, topped and tailed.	1-2 Tblsp icing sugar.
3 Tblsp caster sugar.	1 tsp vanilla extract.
200 g Greek yoghurt.	200 ml double cream.

Method

1. Put the gooseberries and sugar in a pan with a splash of water. Heat gently, stirring, and then bring to a simmer and cook until the fruit starts to burst.
2. Squash the gooseberries with a potato masher or fork until pulpy. Cool then chill until cold in the fridge.
3. Gently whisk the cream and icing sugar together until softly peaking.
4. Add the yoghurt to the bowl with the vanilla and mix together.
5. Stir through the gooseberry pulp then spoon into pretty glasses or bowls to serve.

giving nature a home

An update from

Fen Drayton Lakes

What has been happening?

The beginning of April saw a lot of rainfall. So much in fact that the reserve flooded. Water levels in many of the lakes rose by over a metre and the access road was fully submerged. Thankfully, by the middle of the month levels had gone down and the footpaths once again became passable, albeit with wellies in many cases.

A big job that we carried out over the first quarter of the year with our team of volunteers was the renovation of our tern breeding rafts on Ferry Lagoon and Moore Lake. These floating platforms provide an artificial gravel beach habitat that common terns favour for nesting. They are now all repaired and re-gravelled and hopefully by the time of reading the flooded islands will have re-emerged, the rafts will be out on the lakes and the terns will have arrived and started using them.

Wildlife

Despite the recent wet weather it is safe to say that spring has arrived as the reserve is alive with singing birds. Sedge, reed and Cetti's warblers are staking their claims to patches of reed and scrub whilst willow warblers, blackcap, whitethroat (common and lesser) and many other species are singing from the trees and hedgerows. Overhead the first swallows and martins can be seen and our first cuckoo was heard in the middle of April. All this makes it a great time of year to pay the reserve a visit.

The big news was the discovery of a Bonaparte's Gull on Ferry Lagoon in April, the first individual for the county. Unfortunately it didn't linger and has now seemingly moved on.

Flooded access to car park. Simon Freedman

Get involved....
Some of our events in 2018:

Willow weaving workshop
Sunday 13 May, 10am-4pm: Garden obelisk
Sunday, 10 Sept 10am-4pm: Basket
Sunday 9 Dec, 10am-4pm: Christmas

Tour with the Warden
Sunday 03 June, 10am-2pm

Dusk discovery
Saturday 30 June, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Dragonfly safari
Sunday 22 July, 1pm-3pm

Stargazing with Institute of Astronomy Cambs Meteorological Society
Saturday 22 Sep, 8.00pm-9.30pm

If you'd like to find out about our volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk
Phone: 01954 233260

Visit **rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes**

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity:
England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2018

Registered Charity 1128778

Village Show in the Marquee on Saturday 7 July

The Village Show this year is organised by Hale Road Allotments and we would like to get in even more than the 382 entries of 2016. We have tried to devise a range of show classes which will appeal to all ages so that everyone can join in. To encourage as many as possible to enter we have had meetings with various groups from Brownies to Compass Café regulars and many more in between, along with other publicity.

Paper copies of the Show Programme are now widely available in shops, hairdresser's etc. primary school, library, doctors, Compass Café, the produce cupboard at Hale Road allotments and other locations. The Show Regulations include details of the reception points in High Street and in Middle Watch along with the entry fees. The entry form covers the two pages at the back. The last date for getting entry forms in is Friday 29 June.

Class number 1, a flower arrangement in a teapot, has already caused quite a stir along with a vase of 5 different garden flowers and a single rose. In the handicraft section a handmade bag in any medium is expected to be popular while Class 35 an item of needlework and Class 36 a knitted item don't rule out much. A collage of the village sign on Market Street is considered challenging for the youngsters. A piece of jewellery involving beads brought in lots of entries in 2016 so it is there again. The fun of decorating a stone in order to enter it into the show has caused much excitement among the younger children.

There were 66 entries in the fruit and vegetables section last time which should easily be exceeded this year because the show is two weeks later so many more crops of carrots, peas, raspberries and blackcurrants will be ready for harvest.

Both the preserves section and the home baking section have always attracted much interest since the first Swavesey Festival in 2008 so we have increased the number of classes in both sections for 2018. The set-recipe cake this time is Somerset cider and apple cake which has already attracted much attention.

Every Swavesey resident should easily be able to find 2 or 3 or more entry classes which appeal to them this year. So do have a go!

Swavesey Festival 2018

30th JUNE – 8th JULY

GALA DAY ON THE GREEN 7TH JULY

Theme for 2018; "Swavesey through the Ages"

If all has gone to plan, you should have had dropping out of your Meridian magazine our customary "fold out" festival planner which will give you details of all the events running during the Swavesey Festival 2018. Details are also on the website swavesey-festival.co.uk.

As in previous years, the first weekend is our "Open Swavesey" weekend with events and displays at various venues and gardens. Access to most is via the "Swavesey Passport" which will go on sale at the Market Street Newsagent from mid-June and will be available at all festival venues at the start of the festival week.

Many events are familiar, several are new. Our big "special event" this year is our Open Air Theatre from the renowned theatre company "The Pantaloons" on the Market Street Green on Friday 6th July. Please come to as many events as you can, it is only with your help and support that the festival can continue to run.

If you have any festival issues please contact me on: simonshore99@gmail.com or for advanced tickets on swaveseytickets@gmail.com.

Credit card purchase of tickets for The Pantaloons on Friday 6th July can also be made at thepantaloons.co.uk.

Our theme this year is the history of Swavesey; we hope that the festival will entertain you but also help everyone to learn a bit more about our remarkable and fascinating village.

Simon Shore
Swavesey Festival Committee

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.
To take part in this popular competition phone
Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are;

	£	March 2018	April 2018
First prize	60	D. Rata	N. Mullee
Second prize	30	P. Fuller	J. Handy
Third prize	15	B. Dye	H. Coote

Open Gardens in Swavesey
Sat 30 June and Sun 1 July

The Open Gardens are spread out this year, covering all directions in the village. In the south, Boxworth End Farm is taking part but instead of flowers there will be an indoor exhibition of models of numerous farm vehicles and implements. These have been expertly made and painted up in recent years. A DVD on steam traction will be on continuous show and we are trying to arrange for cups of tea to be available. Whatever the weather this "garden" will be well worth a visit.

At the northern end of the village, Hale Road allotments will be open for inspection earlier in the day than most gardens so this will be a good place to start. You will find it an interesting walk around the manicured grass tracks and by the end of June the 60 plots will be displaying some vigorous crops. There will be young plants plus very fresh vegetables and fruit for sale, with gooseberries still available, blackcurrants at their best and possibly some early raspberries. Sweet Williams might be finished but a range of early/mid-season vegetables will be there.

Between these two somewhat different venues we expect to have up to a dozen more conventional gardens showing herbaceous borders, rose beds, fruit bushes, containerised plants, lawns, shrubs and trees with the occasional chicken, rabbit and even ducks wandering around. At the time of writing no gardener has accepted the organiser's helpful suggestion that a pot-bellied pig would be an exciting and wonderful attraction to have in their garden for the weekend. In the west, new gardens in Home Close are taking part and it is quite a challenge to establish a garden on such heavy land. Then in the east there is a concentration of gardens open in the area around Market Street.

So in a packed programme there will be lots to see, spread across a wide area, but you have two days in which to visit as many as you can fit in – along with all the other activities that a busy Open Swavesey weekend offers of course. Full details of Open Gardens, including a location map, are included in the Festival Passport.

On Saturday May 12th Sean Papworth (age 43) and Richard Errington (age 51), both of Carters Way, Swavesey, embarked on a 2 week, 1200 mile cycle ride from their Swavesey homes, to the town of Sollentuna just north of Stockholm in Sweden, where Sean has relatives. Their aim; to raise money for 3 Cancer related charities. This ride has been in the pipeline for a couple of years and initially the plan was to raise money solely for the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT) who helped Sean beat Testicular Cancer. However, in August last year they lost mutual friend and fellow Swavesey resident Steve Christian to Oesophageal Cancer and 3 days later Richard's mother-in-law succumbed to Metastatic Malignant Melanoma. Subsequently they are now raising money for ACT, Arthur Rank Hospice (who helped take care of Steve) and Melanoma UK.

They would like to extend a massive thank-you to Steve Knight Construction, Orbital Fabrications, A.R. Cater Carpentry & Joinery, Vectura Group Ltd, Total Lawncare, NTrust Accountancy, A.T. Consultants & Builders, Faben Joinery, Dom Bridals and S.M.P. Stair-cases Ltd for their invaluable support. They would also like to thank Pete Talbot (Sean's step-dad) for driving the support vehicle.

If you would like to learn more about the challenge, the 2 of them and their motivations, and donate, you can visit their fundraising page at – https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/swa2swe2018.

You can keep up with their progress by following them at – https://twitter.com/Swavesey2Sweden.

ADDITIONAL OPENING HOURS

We are now open on two Saturdays every month

The first AND THIRD Saturday 10.00 – 12.00

Plus

Tuesday	**15.30 – 17.30**
Wednesday	**18.00 – 20.00**
Thursday	**18.00 – 20.00**

The Old Entrance Hall, Swavesey Village College.

What's on offer?
Books to loan – both adult & children's – fiction, non-fiction, local reference and large print. Regular children's story time. Free wifi and Internet access. Secondhand book sale. Refreshment and children's craft activities available on request. Free membership with full access to the Cambridgeshire County Library service. - just come along with your county library card – or if you don't have one, we can issue you with one.

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	202707	Doug and Lorraine Hunt	232478	John Pook	230978
Sarah Hellon	230960	Jacqui Fuller	230774		

Website www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library

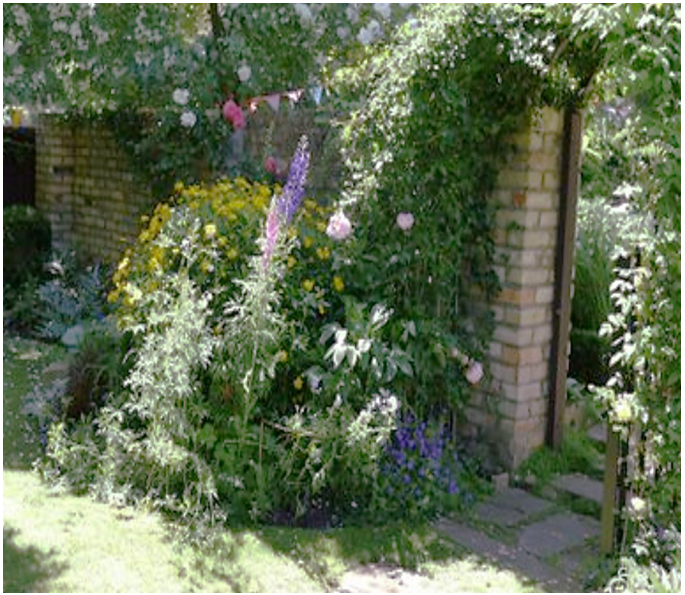
"Your Library" Swavesey is a registered charity. no:- 1104630

The Not-So-Secret Garden

Every year, Carrie opens the doors to her beautiful garden. Nestled in the heart of Cambridge, the garden offers visitors a chance to admire the plants, enjoy some cake - and support severely bullied and traumatised children.

Having founded Red Balloon in 1996, Carrie believes passionately that children who are too frightened to go to school deserve to be given a second chance. Red Balloon Learner Centres are dotted around the country - including Cambridge - and aim to do just that.

This year the garden opens on the 9th and 10th June, 11:00-17.00, at 49 New Square, Cambridge.



Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

Thursday mornings from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Run each week (inc. school holidays) by one of four groups in the village. Very reasonably priced home made cakes and fair trade tea and coffee. Toys for children each week and baby clinic on 4th Thursdays. All ages very welcome.

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Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 5/6 people, 6 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington to book your Thursday: sue.ellington@virgin.net or 01954 202923

5th Thursdays in 2018:

29th March, 31st May, 30th August & 29th November

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There is a little surplus money left in the kitty at the end of each year. If you are a village group fundraising for a particular item, or would like a little extra cash for your group then please contact caroline@overroad.co.uk

Cambridge Open Studios – July 2018

Have you ever wondered what goes on in an artist's studio?

Every July you can meet local artists as part of Cambridge Open Studios, one of the oldest open studio events in the country. Today there are over 470 members including painters, sculptors, jewellers, photographers, illustrators, furniture makers and many more, working in studios throughout Cambridgeshire. For more information, look out for the yellow Cambridge Open Studios guide which can be picked up in local galleries and shops, or direct from a participating artist.

Bex Burston (glass and textiles) and Ruth Fairhead (ceramics) are Swavesey members of Cambridge Open Studios, who will be taking all their tools, materials and equipment to join Anine Cockwell de Jong (wood and stone sculpture), at her studio in Over. All three will be busy working, demonstrating their craft and answering questions. There will be lots to see and if you find something you particularly like, a chance to buy directly from the artists, with items at a range of prices starting at just a few pounds. You can have a leisurely wander around the sculpture garden, take a seat on a bench in the shade of a tree to enjoy the art around you, or if you prefer to get hands-on, have a go at stone carving.

July 14/15 and July 21/22, 11am to 6pm each day

1 Mustill's Lane, Over, CB24 5PW

Do come and see us if you get a chance!

Anine - www.living-stone-sculpture.co.uk

Bex - www.bluedesignshed.co.uk

& Ruth - www.ruthfairheadceramics.co.uk

There's an app for that

Cambridge Open Studios now has an app to help visitors find exactly what they are looking for and plan their days out. You can search by the artist's name, medium (painting, pottery, glass etc.), and location. There's also a button that suggests studios to visit nearby. So it's easy to find exactly the kinds of work you want to see and to work out a route around a particular area. The app will be available to download by mid-June for Apple and Android.

It couldn't be easier to make a day of visiting a selection of studios. All Cambridge Open Studios are completely free to visitors of all ages and now you don't even have to bring the car to see city centre venues because our visitors can use the ofo bikes for free.

This year there are 87 venues to visit in central Cambridge and Grantchester and a further 134 venues in the wider Cambridgeshire area – including a large cluster of studios in Ely.

In the months leading up to the open studio event, many artists will be running workshops, courses and exhibitions. Members of the public can keep up to date on their activities via the COS website (www.camopenstudios.co.uk) or by following them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using @CamOpenStudios, where they can also follow specific artists.

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LOLWORTH	NEWMARKET	OAKINGTON	OVER
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highways england

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme
Discover the archaeology

Upcoming events

The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme is one of the largest archaeological programmes ever undertaken in the UK. The team are revealing amazing stories of thousands of years of human life and settlement in the Cambridgeshire landscape. We are over half way through excavating sites where new roads and structures will be built.

For More information see our website at: molaheadland.com

Huntingdon Riverside Gala

Saturday 9 June 2018, 11.00 – 17.00

Huntingdon Boat Club, PE29 3RP

Visit the Time Truck, one of many attractions at this year's Huntingdon Riverside Gala, to discover the archaeology of the A14C2H, with displays and activities for all the family.

Time Truck family archaeology day: Castle Hill Open Day

Saturday 21 July 2018, 12.00 – 17.00

Shire Hall, Castle Hill, CB3 0AP

Jump aboard the Time Truck at the Castle Hill Open Day 2018 and explore the archaeology being uncovered for the A14C2H, with displays and activities for all the family.

All events are free

For full events listings visit
molaheadland.com/events/A14C2H

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Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
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Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
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Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
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Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am.
Family with one child, £3.
More than one child, £4.
Under 6 months. £2.

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
NEW CLASS!	Rock School Rockets	guitars, drums	beginners
11am – 12pm	SMS Community Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Now in its 9th. Year!

Check out our new class: RS Rockets

Also, SMS Community Orchestra, open to all ages; adults, parents: why not pick up that instrument from youth and join us on a Saturday morning? Email for more information and to check availability.

£4 per session!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
acaldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET
BALLET AT OVER PRIMARY SCHOOL
THURSDAYS
AGE 3+ -17
CLASSICAL BALLET WITH FULLY TRAINED,
QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED TEACHER
ASSOC. MEMBER ARBTA ;MEMBER BDQT
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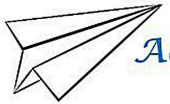
DETAILS www.abmschoolofdance.co.uk
CLASSES ALSO IN GIRTON HISTON & COTTENHAM

CHILDREN'S FUN DAY
St ANDREW's CHURCH SWAVESEY
15 July 2 – 5 pm

Teddy bear (or other soft toy) zip wire ride



Aeroplane making and flying

Find the church mice

Treasure Hunt

Cakes and refreshment

All Welcome

Adult Education at Swavesey Village College

Start the autumn season with a new skill - join a leisure or adult learning class at Swavesey Village College.
Adult learning courses offer the chance to explore an interest, skill or hobby, develop specialist skills you can use in business, and are a way of meeting people and enjoying learning. Here at Swavesey Village College we offer a wide variety of different courses, come and join us.

*Get creative with **Silver Jewellery** and **Dichroic Glass Jewellery***

*Learn to play the **Mandolin** in our absolute beginners' classes.*

*New languages for the new term: **Spanish for Absolute Beginners & Holiday Italian**.*

*Active classes available include **Ballroom Dancing, Over 50's Dance Fitness, Pilates & Yoga.***

*Discover new cooking skills with our **Creative Curries Cookery** course*

Saturday workshops will be running on 3rd & 17th November including One Day Paediatrics First Aid, Introduction to Ballroom Dancing, Blues Guitar & Dichroic Glass Making Christmas Decorations and many more....

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website swaveseyvc.co.uk, Community tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call us on 01954 234488

Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS Phone: 01954 234488
Email: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

Summer Rock School 2018
Swavesey Village College

Two great courses for young people aged 11 to 18

Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd August 2018

10am to 4pm each day

Cost: £78 per student per course

Stagecraft and Performance Course

Three amazing days of workshops from music professionals, followed by a live performance night. The course is orientated towards building students' performance skills, focusing on performance preparation, band dynamics, stage skills, presentation, and including all aspects of preparation for a real gig!

Course includes:

- Daily workshops with guest speakers
- Rehearsal sessions
- One to one mentoring
- Play original and cover songs
- Improve techniques, individual creativity and performance skills
- Grand finale performance on Thursday evening

Lighting, Sound and Video Course

NEW FOR 2018!! An exciting additional course running alongside the established stagecraft and performance course. The new Lighting, Sound and Video programme will focus on the technical side of live Performance.

Course includes:

- Live sound/ mixing desk operation
- The PA, speakers, amps, mics
- Stage lighting
- Video basics - capturing the performance
- Hands on with analogue and digital mixers
- Run the show! Set up the main stage and live mix the grand finale performance (from the Stagecraft course participants)

For more information or to book, please email Phoebe Monk, Arts Development Manager at Swavesey Village College: pmonk@swaveseyvc.co.uk

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

Well the election will be over but as I write this I am busy delivering leaflets and walking over 10,000 steps each day - good for the waist line ! but in this campaign I have delivered 3 leaflets in snow, sleet, frost, rain and brilliant sunshine - you have to be strong to cope with elections. But I have deliberately delivered all my leaflets so that I am available for residents to talk to me. however, if I am still District Councillor by the time you get this - please send me an email, speak to me in the street or email me or phone me if you have something you want me to sort. I sincerely believe that I am District Councillor to serve my villagers.

I also hope that we have moved closer to sorting the byways. I am planning to meet experts who can offer advice as well as suitable material to mend the potholes. We also need to find a way to address the use of byways for their changing use without expecting our farmers to shoulder all the costs and work to repair them.

South Cambs is introducing a new grant opportunity of £56,000 for renewable community energy projects. So if you think Swavesey ought to have a wind turbine like Gamblingay or just solar panels on the Memorial Hall roof or the Pavilion there is a grant to help.

I am continuing to address loneliness in the district but my main problem at present is to identify how many people we are hoping to help. By definition the lonely are not known for declaring their needs. Many organisations do surveys such as Age UK, Care Network and the fire service but nobody seems to collate the information. We move forward slowly!!

Housing continues to be the most common concern that residents ask me to help with. young families who want to move to Swavesey and be near their relatives. I try to help but it isn't easy. But I will work hard to ensure that the affordable homes which will be built within the 200 homes which have planning permission are available for Swavesey people

If you need me to sort something, get advice or have a moan, please ring me on 01954 202923 or 07774146331.

Sue Ellington - South Cambs District Councillor
cllr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk

The Election 2018

Firstly , thank you to the residents of Swavesey who voted for me and allowed me to continue to be your District Councillor for the next four years. I feel very humble when I see how the rest of South Cambs District residents appear to have rebelled against the Conservative Candidates and many very long standing members have lost their seats.

I was extremely impressed with Tom Mayer who stood against me for the labour party at the age of 19. He had limited time and resources but he gave the electorate a chance to express their preference and was not afraid to knock on doors and talked to people. This, for me is what democracy is all about and congratulate him on coming second.

But as you will have heard by the time you read this, the conservative majority was wiped out and the Liberal Democrats took the majority of seats. I am not sure what sort of management structure they will employ but I am convinced it will not include me as portfolio holder for Health and Wellbeing. I am rather sad about that as I felt I was making headway at last but that is politics and we can only wait and see. They could return to a committee structure where groups of councillors take decisions rather than one portfolio holder. That was the structure when I was first elected and I found it rather long winded because no decision could be made until the next (monthly) meeting but many members found it more satisfying because they had more input. I await the future with interest!!

I was hoping to be able to tell you that the Local Plan had at last been accepted and we could refuse planning permission for proposals outside the village framework but no doubt the new council will be able to do that.

Anyway, thank you again. Please contact me if I can sort a problem or answer a query.

Sue Ellington
South Cambs District Councillor for Swavesey, Fen Drayton and Lolworth

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Swavesey Parish Council – Annual Report Summary 2017-18

This year has been yet another very busy year, every year seems to bring more and more projects and issues to discuss. Again planning and highway matters have dominated.

We have also just had our 4-yearly round of elections, although no Poll was actually held in the village for the Parish Council, as 11 nominations for the 11 seats on the Council were received, so those nominated were elected uncontested. The Parish Council therefore continues with the same Councillors.

Below is a summary Annual Report. Copies of the full Report will be available from June at various locations around the village as well as on the Parish Council's website www.swavesey.org.uk

Our website **www.swavesey.org.uk** helps to keep you informed on Parish issues and projects, as does the Parish Council Facebook page. All posts on the Parish Council pages are also shared onto the Village Life Facebook page, so along with the Meridian Magazine, we hope that every resident is able to read up to date information in their preferred format, on Parish Council business.

Finance

The Parish Council's income is received from the Parish Precept, which is collected through the Council Tax. For 2017/18 the Precept was £60,750.

The main areas of expenditure during 2017/18 were:

- Grounds maintenance (grasscutting, tree work, recreation green/football pitches, etc)
- Play equipment provision and maintenance
- Administration costs
- Grants to village organisations, including Community Warden Scheme
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Loan repayments for the 2011 grant to the Community Sports Pavilion

Expenditure (subject to audit) for 2017/18 has included:

Admin/Office costs, Insurances, Staff, Subscriptions	£40,685
Grants: To village organisations, projects, Community Warden Scheme	£7,885
Agency Services (grass cutting for CCC and SCDC)	£2,329
Grounds Maintenance	£10,079
Loan Repayments - Sports Pavilion	£4,885
Recreation/Play Area/Village Maintenance	£19,013
Neighbourhood Plan	£4,229

At the end of 2017/18 reserves are:

Funding set aside for specific projects	£4,518
S106 Funds (Indoor and Outside Community Facilities)	£62,487
Admin/insurance/contingency (Legal, Election costs)	£6,283
Village Maintenance/improvements	£7,338
General Fund	£21,165

2017/18 Budget

In finalising the budget for 2018/19, the Precept has been set at £63,400, meaning a band D property will pay £66.88 per year towards the budget for the Parish.

Parish Council work during 2017/18:

- Community Grants: Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance, Memorial Hall Charity, Community Warden Scheme.
- Consulted on many local planning applications and continued liaison with District Council on major housing development proposals.
- Continued discussions with the EA and South Cambs MP regarding flood risk concerns, riverbank and drain maintenance. These are extremely protracted discussions and another year has now passed with neither of the two major schemes having started.
- Ongoing discussions with the County Council, Police and primary school with regard to parking issues around School Lane, Middlewatch and Gibraltar Lane.
- Parking and safety improvements around Market Street.
- Support of the Neighbourhood Plan project.
- Setting up a village Speedwatch Group and working with the A14 Team re the use of speed monitoring equipment.
- Provision of additional sports equipment on the Recreation Green and continued improvements to the football pitches.
- Various administration and consultation projects including the new Data Protection Regulations and Accounts and Audit requirements.
- Involvement in many consultation and liaison meetings with other local authorities.

For the forthcoming year 2018/19:

- Support of the Neighbourhood Plan Project.
- Continued support and provision of grants to village projects and community groups, including Swavesey Festival 2018 and Community Warden Scheme.
- Pressure on CCC Highways re the state of the roads. With increasing HGV use, due to the A14 works and housing developments around this area, all roads through the village require resurfacing, not just patching.
- Support of the village Speedwatch initiative and investigate other ways in which speeding can be reduced and highway safety improved through the village.
- Further improvements to open space and recreation and leisure areas.
- Support of a Community Heritage Orchard project.
- Respond to consultations from County, District and other organisations and work closely with our District and County Councillors.

Our thanks to the volunteers who continue to assist with the management and maintenance of our village ponds, Constable's Rood, parish trees and other public areas. Also our thanks to all of the volunteer litter clearers in the village who continue to help keep our village tidy.

I would also like to thank those residents who attend our Parish Council meetings and everyone who responds to and supports the work of the Council. I hope that you have found this summary report of interest and that you will read through the full report, which will be available during June. **Will Wright, Chairman – Swavesey Parish Council**

www.swavesey.org.uk **Swavesey Parish Council**

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News March April 2018

COUNTY COUNCIL
An application to the County Council for support from their Local Highways Initiative fund to widen the footpath along Middlewatch between the Primary School gate and the Recreation Green was unsuccessful, however the A14 Community Fund has stepped in and will be providing funding to enable this safety measure to go ahead. Work should take place during the summer holidays this year.

The PC is pressing the CC to fill in and level the potholes in the guided busway car park or alternatively to seek to manage and possibly negotiate an asset transfer to the PC.

The PC and our County Councillor are pressing for action to repair the dangerous potholes on approaches to and around the village. The county has a new machine to deploy in repairing them. A number of repairs have been marked and should be repaired under two categories. Small urgent repairs within 21 days and larger patching repairs in 12 weeks .

The PC is to seek an extension of speed limits on approaches to the village on Fen Drayton Road and Rose and Crown Road, and if possible a footpath into the village along Rose and Crown Road.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
The District Council and Parish Councils are due for election on May 3rd. The eleven existing Parish Councillors will continue, as they were the only villagers to be nominated for the next PC. There will however be a District Council election in Swavesey.

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
The PC has submitted a community award bid to the A14 community fund to set up the red telephone boxes as information points for the village.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS
There is now a speedwatch team trained and operating in the village. Thanks to the volunteers. Additional volunteers are still needed, so please contact the Clerk if you would like to help with this. The PC is also looking for a new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for the village.

VILLAGE MATTERS
Parking on the village green was discussed with varying concerns expressed. The Clerk and two Cllrs are to attend a briefing about the use of and protection of Village Greens. Parking and other environmental issues will be part of the considerations of the Neighbourhood Planning Group as part of the defining of the characteristics of the village and the consultation exercise.

DRAINAGE
The Environment Agency has asked to speak to the Parish Council about modelling data for the flood risk to the village. The PC awaits the sharing of the outcome and possible action that may result. Watch this Space!

PLANNING
The Bloor Homes development off Fen Drayton Road is subject to final details being agreed by the planners. Bloor Homes met with the PC to share progress. The PC raised a number of issues

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including access and the possible speed limit extension (see above). This will also involve an inspection of village ponds as part of an environmental assessment of the Bloor Site. The PC resolved to accept the 999 year lease offer on land to the rear of 18 Boxworth End, for use as formal sports and recreation land as part of the S106 contributions arising from permission for housing development on adjacent land. The area will be developed as further S106 contributions from other developments in the village come forward.

Various other planning applications were considered.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
See under village matters.

PARISH MEETING
The Annual Parish Meeting took place in April and is reported on elsewhere in this issue of the Meridian.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

SPEEDWATCH

Your help is needed You can make a difference!

Speedwatch is a scheme run in partnership between Neighbourhood Police teams, local residents and Parish Councils.

Please help us to make drivers more aware of their speed. Join the Speedwatch group.

During the first three weeks of January 2018, the following data was recorded on traffic entering the village along Boxworth End:

- Maximum speed recorded 72mph
- 12,400 vehicles counted in the first week of January and 44,000 over the following two weeks
- Average speed approx 29mph, which means a lot of vehicles were travelling over the 30mph speed limit

The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter from their local neighbourhood policing team. The data collected will provide evidence to help obtain traffic calming and speed reduction measures and provide locations for the Police to carry out speed control sessions.

Please contact Swavesey Parish Council to volunteer for Speedwatch
Tel: 01954 202982 clerk@swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council

Website:- www.swavesey.org.uk

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THE PATHFINDER MARCH - 23rd JUNE 2018

The Parish Council has received notice of this year's Pathfinder March which will come through the north end of Swavesey.

It is an annual 46-mile long-distance challenge walk around the four main Airbases. It takes place as close to the 21st of June as possible to get the maximum amount of daylight. Walkers set off at 4a.m. with 20 hours to complete the Walk. It is a gruelling test of strength, stamina and map reading skills. The masochists amongst you try to run it, they set off at 8a.m. The participants have a 'walkers card' which is marked off at eight checkpoints around the walk, and your progress is recorded.

It was inaugurated in 1997 by Sqn Ldr Gavin Sugden, to commemorate the Pathfinder Force which operated out of RAF Wyton, RAF Gravely, RAF Oakington, RAF Warboys and their satellite bases from 1942 to 1945

More info is on their website at www.pathfindermarch.co.uk/route.html

It will come through Swavesey from Longstanton along Ramper Rd, across the fields to Cow Fen Drove, behind Market St, across Church Green, across Station Rd and up Middle Fen Drove then out to the river.

Annual Parish Meeting 2018

The Annual Parish Meeting held on Weds 11th April heard updates from many village organisations and charities as well as a detailed report on Parish Council business over the past year.

The main topics raised were:
Speeding – the results of the speed camera installation in Boxworth End in January have been published and strong concern was raised about the level of traffic and excessive speeds.

HGV traffic – increasing level of HGV vehicles travelling through Boxworth End and Ramper Rd areas. Local hauliers have been written to by residents, the County Council and Parish Council.

The Parish Council has been asked to consider if traffic calming measures could help to reduce the above concerns and will take this up with the County Council.

Guided Busway Car Park – continuing issues with large holes in the parking area and deep flooding. Unfortunately lack of funding at the County Council means CCC are unable to maintain the site as much as they would like. The Parish Council is requesting urgent action.

Full reports and draft Minutes can be found on the Swavesey Website at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council

SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Roman-Catholic Parish
19 Needingworth Road, St Ives, Cambs. PE27 5JT
served by the Congregation of the Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette (English, Polish, Italian)

Parish Priest: Father Karol Porczak MS

Tel: 01480 462 192
www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

We Need You!

Swavesey Remembers — 100 years

St Andrew's Church:

Saturday, November 3rd 2018

We are preparing an evening of music, words and images based on Swavesey from 1914 to 1918 to celebrate the end of World War One. The focus of the evening will be the men who died in action or as a result of their wounds during the war but there will also be pictures, poetry, prose and music reflecting life at home and abroad at that time for soldiers and civilians alike. There will be twenty-eight specially decorated hearts to commemorate the twenty-eight Swavesey men who died as a result of the war.

We already have a range of information, photographs and documents from 1914 to 1918 but if your family was living in Swavesey at that time and you have any additional pictures, objects or information to share with us, we would love to hear from you. We would like to include information about life at home as well as life in the trenches.

If you could help us in any way, please contact Jacqui Fuller on 01954 230774 or Nicky Carne on 01954 230971

The Parish Church of St Andrew's, Swavesey

On the news front, Julie, our vicar has decided to pursue God's work in a deprived area of Huddersfield from the end of April. Therefore, with our sister churches in Over, Longstanton and Willingham we will be looking to recruit a new vicar to lead us into the future. There will be a slight change of services in that the 8 a.m. service of Holy Communion on the second Sunday of the month will be suspended and the 11 o'clock service that day will be Morning worship. Our services will be led by other local clergy and so life will carry on as normal in many respects. If you would like to use our lovely church for a wedding, baptism or funeral then please contact our team administrator or one of the churchwardens and we can arrange whatever your need.

The church building is not just for worship and is there for the whole community to use. The Church Council is keen that other activities take place in the church so that it is seen as a vibrant community asset at the heart of the village. Please come and talk to us if you would like to use the church for another purpose.

Church Roof Update.
I have previously mentioned that we had been granted a first-round pass by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) who have funded activities to assess the extent of the work needed. During January we had specialist companies in to look in detail at the work needed to replace the stolen lead, masonry repairs and works to improve the drainage. All of these investigations went well with no major surprises. Our architect has now written the specification of works prior to us tendering the works and submission of our final report and costing to the HLFin the autumn. To all those that buy lottery tickets thank you very much.

Of course, the HLF are not able to fund all our repair needs and we hold a number of events throughout the year to fund the workings and maintenance of St Andrew's. Below are details of up and coming events.

Events at St Andrew's Church: June - September

Saturday, June 9th 2 – 5pm: Children's Fun Day with a zip wire and hot air balloon
As mentioned in the last edition of The Meridian, this year's event is promising to be even more exciting than last year's with a longer, faster zipwire outside and hot air balloon rides inside the church. There will be Soft Toy Medics available for pre-flight health tests and certificates will be presented to all successful pilots. If your toy is too frightened (or too precious) to take a ride, substitute pilots will be available. There will be other activities taking place within the church and refreshments will be served.

Sunday, August 5th 3pm: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
The This is my Theatre company invites you to join them for a trip into this well-loved tale, based upon the original novel written by Lewes Carroll and specially adapted for the stage. "With live music and characters that you won't forget, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland will engage and delight audiences of all ages." Tickets available from www.thisismytheatre.com or 07732253311. Tickets: £10. Concessions: £8, Family of 4: £32

September 22nd and 23rd: Art Auction and Quilters and Rural Crafts Exhibition
There will be an exhibition of patchwork quilts in the church and also a range of craftspeople demonstrating their skills. This will include spinners and weavers and other crafts. There will be an auction of pre-loved art.

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew's, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Morning Service
3rd Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	All Age Service with baptisms
5th Sunday of the month	10:30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Team Administrator or the Churchwardens:

Priest in Charge. Telephone:
Post Vacant. Email:

Team Administrator. Telephone: 01954 203459
Gillian Beal. (Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events please contact either of the churchwardens:

Mr Iain Campbell. Telephone: 01954 230019 or
Email: lainJ.Campbell@sky.com

Mr Martin Herrington Telephone: 01954 230894 or
Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk

For details of our Youth Group, Branches, or Sunday School Services please contact:
Mrs Elizabeth Street Telephone: 01954 or
Email: street.el@virginmedia .com

St Andrew's Church Swavesey

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew's, Swavesey

Children's Services

Children of all ages are very welcome at St Andrew'ss. During the 11 a.m. service for those over 5 we hold a Youth Group each week called Branches, except, the 4th Sunday of the month when an All Age Service is held and the children take part in the service. For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents we have bags of books and toys for use during the services.

Contact Elizabeth Street: Telephone 01954 232358
street.el@virginmedia .com

Bell Ringing

We have a bell ringing group that rings fortnightly before the 11 a.m. service. If you are interested in bell ringing please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.

Contact John Mullett: Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Events Group

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both the young and the not so young. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know what we are doing please see our notice boards at the church or contact our events leader.

Contact Jacqui Fuller: Telephone: 01954 230774
Email: Jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

113 Middle Watch, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4RP.

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

(including activities for children of all ages)

All are Welcome

10:45 am weekly

First Sunday in the Month

Join us for "Church Around the Coffee Table" at 10:45am.
Why not come and try it?

Second Sunday in the Month

Our Morning service at 10:45am is followed by a themed "Prayer Gathering" at 1:00pm. Soup and Rolls is served!

Third Sunday in the Month

Join us for our Communion service at 10:45am, and Sunday Sanctuary at 7:00pm.

Visit our website for up to date information on our monthly prayer gathering, and other regular or special events.
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you!

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Youth and Children Activities

Superseekers is a fun and game activities group for children. Join us as we learn about the Christian faith through Bible stories, Music and Biblical discussions.

Food Heaven is our youth house fellowship group, with Biblical discussions, Food and Game activities.

The Hub is our open access youth café for students. Wireless Internet access, Music, Xbox and Wii. Tuckshop, Table Tennis, and many more activities.

Celebrate with us at Bethel

Our building is 150 years old!

Open Building on **Saturday, 30th of June** and **Sunday, 1st of July** from 10am. Come in and view a collage of memorable activities held at Bethel over the years. Perhaps you need a rest in between your open garden visits, or just passing by, why not come in and have a cold or hot drink, or simply use our toilet facilities. Join us for our café service at 10:45am on Sunday the 1st.

Share your memories with us to include in the collage. You can email digital photos to admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or simply drop copies off anytime in the post box located in the compass room at church.

Contact information: **Tel: 01954 230458**

For pastoral issues, and enquiries on youth activities:
Revd. David Mann : minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

For all other enquiries: admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. **See** http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ **or Email:** clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon & Tue Over Brownies / Wed & Thurs Over Guides / Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguiding, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Dave Morrison on 07469 170318 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact Heather Maloney e: hjmalonev@googlemail.com Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact Lisa Boyes e: windmillkennels@oneservice.co.uk Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact Jim Burling e: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other Scouting issues, contact Lynda Mayer e: s.mayer@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email evandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Lewis Carroll

To see a rabbit is nothing remarkable... To hear it comment upon the time is quite remarkable... To follow it down a rabbit-hole into a strange new world not knowing how you'll get out again is something extraordinarily remarkable indeed!

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